

Whereas headquarters elements of National Guard combat divisions lead the United States' participation in the multinational Stabilization Force in Bosnia;

Whereas the men and women of the National Guard were among the first to respond to the terrorist atrocities of September 11, 2001, including Air National Guard fighter crews who scrambled on that day and Army National Guard personnel who deployed to assist with rescue and recovery efforts in New York and Virginia;

Whereas the men and women of the National Guard, in keeping with the National Guard's historic mission of homeland defense, are flying combat air patrols to protect the safety of American airspace and are performing critical security roles in their State capacity at airports and other important sites around the Nation; and

Whereas the citizen soldiers and airmen of the National Guard serve a critical role in protecting the freedom of American citizens and the American ideals of justice, liberty, and freedom, both at home and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That, on December 13, 2001, the occasion of the 365th anniversary of the founding of the militia of the Massachusetts Bay Colony that was the precursor to the force of citizen soldiers and airmen now proudly known as the National Guard, Congress—

(1) recognizes that anniversary of the National Guard as an important milestone in the military tradition of the United States;

(2) honors the commitment and sacrifices made by the 458,400 citizen soldiers and airmen of the National Guard, their families, their employers, and their communities;

(3) recognizes the critical importance of the National Guard, at home and abroad, to the national security of the United States;

(4) salutes the citizen soldiers and airmen of the National Guard for their service on September 11, 2001, and their continuing role in homeland defense and military operations against the al Qaeda terrorist network and the Taliban regime in Afghanistan that harbored those terrorists;

(5) supports a policy of providing the National Guard with resources necessary to ensure its continued readiness; and

(6) expresses the deep gratitude of the American people to the men and women of the National Guard for their dedication and commitment to the security and freedom of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2516. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2517. Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2518. Mr. SMITH, of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr.

DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2519. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2520. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2521. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2522. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2523. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2524. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2525. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2526. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2527. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2528. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2529. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2530. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2531. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2532. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2533. Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2534. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2535. Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2536. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2537. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2538. Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HELMS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2539. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2540. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2541. Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2542. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2543. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2544. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2545. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2546. Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2547. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2548. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2549. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her

to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2601. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2516. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike the period at the end of title I and insert a period and the following:

Subtitle E—Payment Limitation Commission **SEC. 171. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established a commission to be known as the “Commission on the Application of Payment Limitations for Agriculture” (referred to in this subtitle as the “Commission”).

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

(1) **COMPOSITION.**—The Commission shall be composed of the following 7 members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this subtitle as the “Secretary”):

(A) 2 members from land grant colleges or universities with expertise in agricultural economics.

(B) 5 members who shall be producers of agricultural commodities, each of whom shall represent 1 of the following regions, as determined by the Secretary:

- (i) The Midwest.
- (ii) The Great Plains.
- (iii) The South.
- (iv) The Northeast.
- (v) The West.

(2) **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.**—The membership of the Commission may include 1 or more employees of the Department of Agriculture or other Federal agencies.

(4) **DATE OF APPOINTMENTS.**—The appointment of a member of the Commission shall be made not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) **TERM; VACANCIES.**—

(1) **TERM.**—A member shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.

(2) **VACANCIES.**—A vacancy on the Commission—

(A) shall not affect the powers of the Commission; and

(B) shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(d) **INITIAL MEETING.**—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold the initial meeting of the Commission.

(e) **MEETINGS.**—The Commission shall meet—

(1) on a regular basis, as determined by the Chairperson; and

(2) at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the members of the Commission.

(f) **QUORUM.**—A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number of members may hold hearings.

(g) **CHAIRPERSON.**—The Secretary shall appoint 1 of the members of the Commission to serve as Chairperson of the Commission.

SEC. 172. DUTIES.

(a) **COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.**—The Commission shall conduct a comprehensive review of—

(1) the laws (including regulations) that apply or fail to apply payment limitations to agricultural commodity and conservation programs administered by the Secretary;

(2) the impact that failing to apply effective payment limitations have on—

(A) the agricultural producers that participate in the programs;

(B) overproduction of agricultural commodities; and

(C) the prices that agricultural producers receive for agricultural commodities in the marketplace;

(3) the feasibility of improving the application and effectiveness of payment limitation requirements, including the use of commodity certificates and the forfeiture of loan collateral; and

(4) alternatives to payment limitation requirements in effect on the date of enactment of this Act that would apply meaningful limitations to improve the effectiveness and integrity of the requirements.

(b) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—In carrying out the review under subsection (a), the Commission shall develop specific recommendations for modifications to applicable legislation and regulations that would improve payment limitation requirements.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to the President, the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report containing the results of the review conducted, and any recommendations developed, under this section.

SEC. 173. POWERS.

(a) **HEARINGS.**—The Commission may hold such hearings, meet and act at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive such evidence as the Commission considers advisable to carry out this subtitle.

(b) **INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission may secure directly from a Federal agency such information as the Commission considers necessary to carry out this subtitle.

(2) **PROVISION OF INFORMATION.**—On request of the Chairperson of the Commission, the head of the agency shall provide the information to the Commission.

(c) **POSTAL SERVICES.**—The Commission may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other agencies of the Federal Government.

(d) **ASSISTANCE FROM SECRETARY.**—The Secretary may provide to the Commission appropriate office space and such reasonable administrative and support services as the Commission may request.

SEC. 174. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.

(a) **COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.**—

(1) **NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—A member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive

Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

(2) **FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—A member of the Commission who is an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall serve without compensation in addition to the compensation received for the services of the member as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(b) **TRAVEL EXPENSES.**—A member of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

SEC. 175. FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Commission or any proceeding of the Commission.

SEC. 176. FUNDING.

Of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Secretary shall use not more than \$100,000 to carry out this subtitle.

SEC. 177. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.

The Commission shall terminate on the day after the date on which the Commission submits the report of the Commission under section 172(c).

SA 2517. Mr. TORRICELLI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 376, after line 24, insert the following:

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall not take effect until the President certifies to Congress that all convicted felons wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation who are currently living as fugitives in Cuba have been returned to the United States for incarceration.

SA 2518. Mr. SMITH of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 937, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following: